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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, Hendy & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. S. B. DRAKE & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WOOD, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORON, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAT & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA:—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Amoy, Swatow, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, and other ports.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq. E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq. H. W. KESWICK, Esq. A. MÖLVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Shanghai, . . . EWAN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

TUESDAY.

the 8th day of May, 1877, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Situate at Sow-Kai-Wan, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 123, and abutting on the North side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 31 feet.

On the South and West side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 125 feet.

On the South and East side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 200 feet.

On the North and West side on a Close (where a Plan for a Public Street is laid out) Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 124, measuring thereon 150 feet.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. my8

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs MELCHERS & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY.

the 19th of May next, at Noon, on the Premises, under a power contained in a Bill of Sale dated the 18th day of December, 1874, given by THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, and CARL HEINRICH EIBERT SEIMUND, lately carrying on Business in this Colony, as Shipchangers and Storekeepers, under the Style or Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

All the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS being in and upon the Premises No. 62, Praya Central, lately occupied by the said Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

Also, THE GOODWILL of the said Business.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. my19

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTED, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI. Mr CARL KREBS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.

Hongkong, April 16, 1877. my16

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGFRIED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIS will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. my18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Entertainment.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give a Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

MONDAY,

May 7th, 1877.

When will be presented a Farical Comedy in Three Acts, by J. B. BYRON, Esq., ENTITLED

"Not such a Fool as he looks."

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after Monday, April 30th, and at the Doors on the Night of Performance.

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to Commence at Nine o'Clock punctually.

By kind permission of Colonel DICKINS and the Officers of H. M. 28th Regt., their Band will be in attendance.

CHAS. O. COHEN, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. my7

Intimations.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG.

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

TANJONG

PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

THE BUSINESS of this Company was Resumed immediately after the Firm Vessels will obtain the usual Despatch and Coal Supplies.

E. M. SMITH, Manager.

April 23, 1877. my23

Intimations.

HONGKONG HUMANE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above SOCIETY will be held at the CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 7th May, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, a Statement of Accounts, and to elect Officers for the ensuing Year. Members and others taking an interest in the Society are invited to attend.

F. W. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my7

NOTICE.

WE, the Undersigned, beg to inform the Public of Hongkong and Kowloon that the Charter of our Steam-launch CUM SLING (plying between Peddar's Wharf and Tsim-sha-chui), by Mr Buxoo, will expire on the 30th Instant, after which date the said Launch will ply on the same route on our own account; having no connection whatever with the late Charterer.

The Fare will be as usual until further notice.

WING KEE & Co., Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my80

SPANISH CONSULATE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Captains of Spanish and Foreign Ships starting for the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico that His Catholic Majesty's Government has again put in Force the 7th Rule of the Royal Decree of the 26th December, 1872, which has recently been revoked.

Consequently Captains and Super cargoes are informed that on their arrival at any of the Ports of the said Islands, they shall deliver to the Officers of the Custom House a Manifest duly certified by the Spanish Consul of the Port of Clearance or Departure, declaring whether the Ship is in ballast or giving a description of the Cargo that is on board.

Any Contravention of the said 7th Rule will be punished with a Fine of (\$500) Five Hundred Dollars, or less, according to the circumstances connected therewith.

A. FARAUO, Consul for Spain.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877. my6

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally would make an appointment for an Early Day.

HOURS FOR CONSULTATION: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

MONSIEUR A. SIENKIEWICZ, Consul de France à Malte, a remis aujourd'hui à Monsieur G. BOULOUEZ, Chancelier, le Service du Consulat de France à Hongkong et Macao.

Le 16 Avril, 1877. my6

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A SMALL Invoice of C. BONNEVILLE & Co.'s "Prince of Wales" BRANDY, in Cases of One Dozen Bottles, One Dozen Glass Barrels, and Two Dozen Flasks.

Apply to P. B. CANA, 7, Hollywood Road.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my14

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

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Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my14

For Sale.

FOR SALE, AT EAST POINT.

FRESH CALIFORNIA HAY AND OATS, Just Received, on "Mary Whitridge."

Apply to L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, April 19, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche "Dry," TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche.

JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and WHITE WINES. STABUT & KENTZ'S PORTS and SHERRIES.

MOULLON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars. BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBEKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. my9

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER "ALBA." DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 28 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Keel to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons. CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's. Rig.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 1/2 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Heyden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and Tubular Boiler. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dunbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW. The Steamship "YESSO," Capt. J. E. PUNTHAB, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, April 30, 1877. my2

FOR LONDON.

The Steamship "IMBROS," Capt. B. STANNING, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "MENZALEH," Comdt. PASQUALINI, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plummer.—Siemens & Co.
ROSENA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
ROSETTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.
NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garriock.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wieler & Co.
TULLOCHGROVE, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.
NELSON, British steamer, Capt. Thomas Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HANNAH LORD, British ship, Captain R. Grogg.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Captain Theobald, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 2nd instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my2

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CHINKIANG," S. ORR, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 2nd instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my2

FOR AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "TAIWAN," Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my4

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwritten with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August next, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. se1

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST BONUS of Five per Cent. upon Contributions for the Year 1876, will be Payable on MONDAY Next, the 7th instant.
WARRANTS may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 5th instant.
By Order of the Board, E. MOORE, Secy.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my7

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY CLOSED the HONGKONG BRANCH of my Firm.
F. PEIL.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my8

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on FRIDAY, the 4th May, 1877, at Noon,—Cotton Socks, Stockings, Napkins, Butcher's Knives, Penknives, Tooth Brushes, Eau de Cologne, Lavender Water, Silk Umbrellas, &c.
Also, The North China PONY "PIMENTO," a Good Hack.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my4

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

The S. S. "QUEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 1st June, at 4 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st inst. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. se1

To-day's Advertisements.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.

The Steamship "BRAEMAR CASTLE" will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 5th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the Underigned is This Day REMOVED, to No. 4, Peddar's Hill.
R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. my8

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 1, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, F. Theobald, Master, April 28, General.—A. MacG. HEATON.
May 1, Chinkiang, from Canton.
May 1, Nassau, H. M. surveying vessel, 865, Napier, Hal Tan Straits April 24, and Breaker Point 29.
May 1, City of Peking, American steamer, 5079, F. S. Tanner, San Francisco April 9, and Yokohama 26, Malls and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.
May 1, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, Foochow April 29, Ballast.—SIEMSEN & Co.
May 1, Charlotte Andrews, British barque, 356, G. E. Place, Bangkok April 7, General.—CHINESE.

DEPARTURES.

May 1, Eudoxie Adolphine, for Whampoa.
1, Gaelic, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

CLEARED.

Benarty, for Saigon.
Yesso, for Coast Ports.
Cheung Hock Kian, for Swatow.
Carl, for Tientsin.
Sophie, for Takow.

PASSENGERS.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, Mr and Mrs Geo. Mackenzie, child and servant, Messrs J. Somerville, L. E. Silva, M. Figueras, Capt. Le Bueh, 1 European deck, and 131 Chinese.

Per City of Peking, from San Francisco, &c., Messrs John L. Anderson, G. A. K. Honey, W. H. Breckon and 2 Misses Breckon, and 163 Chinese.

Per Ningpo, from Foochow, 5 Chinese.
Per Charlotte Andrews, from Bangkok, 5 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Gaelic, for Yokohama, Mr J. Gargan, 2 Chinese, and 10 Japanese; for San Francisco, Rev. N. A. McDonald, Messrs D. T. Bradley and D. D. Allen, and 697 Chinese.
To Depart.
Per Benarty, for Saigon, 200 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Esmeralda reports: Fine weather with light North-easterly winds throughout.

The British steamer Ningpo reports: Experienced light Southerly winds and foggy weather.

The British barque Charlotte Andrews reports: Light S.E. winds in Gulf of Siam, passed Pulo Obi on 21st April, had light S.S.W. winds to the Lat. of Cape St. James, thence to the Paracels fresh Southerly winds and fine weather, then light S.E. winds and calms until at Hongkong.

Passed German barque Sirius on the 12th. The Pacific Mail Steamship City of Peking, 5079 tons, F. L. Tanner, Esq., Commander, sailed from San Francisco April 3rd at 12.15 p.m., to 9th had light variable winds and fine weather, then to 17th fresh gales from S.W. to West with head sea, then to 19th fresh gales from S.E. veering to S.W. and West, with fresh gales, and thence to Yokohama light variable winds and fine weather. Arriving April 23rd at 4 a.m., sailed from Yokohama 26th at 4.30 p.m., to Van Dieman's Straits, had fresh gales from South and thick weather, and thence to Hongkong light winds and calms. Arriving May 1st at 9.30 a.m.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—Per YESSO, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd May.

For AMOY.—Per ESMERALDA, at 11.30 a.m., To-morrow, the 2nd inst.

For SWATOW & AMOY.—Per CHEUNG HOCK KIAN, at 2.30 p.m., To-morrow, the 2nd inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per CHINKIANG, at 3.30 p.m., To-morrow, the 2nd inst.

For MANILA.—Per SORSOGON, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd inst.

For AMOY AND TAMSUI.—Per TAIWAN, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd inst.

For BANGKOK.—Per RAJANATTIANUHAH, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet LOMBARDY, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th May.

The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, &c.:—
Friday, 4th May.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 5th May.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra to Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. my1

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet RINDE, will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 12th May, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, &c.:—
Friday, May 11th.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, May 12th.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877. my12

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 4, Benelutha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Dec. 17, Carrioks, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hongkong.

Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hongkong.

Dec. 28, Ino, from Greenock to Swatow.

Dec. 28, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.

Dec. 27, Canine, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 12, Gryfe, from London to Hongkong.

Jan. 16, Hope, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport to Hongkong.

Feb. 2, Polynesia, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 5, Carriak, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 8, Daphne, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp to Hongkong.

Feb. 17, Theresa Behn, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 18, Matchless, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 19, Cactus O., from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 19, F. P. Lichfield, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 19, Maipu, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 20, Penrhin, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Enid, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Osaka, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 22, Belted Will, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 27, Gold Hunter, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 28, City of Aberdeen, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 28, MoB. Park, from Sunderland to Singapore and Hongkong.

Feb. 28, Janet Ferguson, from Glasgow to Singapore and Hongkong.

March 1, Isles of the South, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 1, Brown Brothers, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 1, Khedive, from Antwerp to Hongkong.

March 2, Paracsa, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 9, A. S. Davis, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 9, Galler Ou, from Cardiff to Shanghai.

March 4, Nimbus, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 4, Jala, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 6, Lord Macaulay, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 7, Alcedia, from Cardiff to Cheloo.

March 10, Sir Lancelot, from London to Shanghai.

March 18, Golden Spur, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

March 18, Bessie Morris, from Swansea to Amoy.

March 18, Antwerp, from London to Hongkong.

At London.—Steamers via San Canal.

Oadida. Telhot.

Elgin. Sindia.

Glenhills.

Sailing Vessels.

Duke of Abercorn. Corat.

Commissary. Schidla.

Katow. Schidla.

James Shepherd.

At Liverpool.

Ajax (str.). Priam (str.).

C. W. Cochrane. Henry S. Sanford.

At Glasgow.

Isle of Erit.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, May 4.—
Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Amoy and Tamsui.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, May 5.—
Warrants for Bonus upon Contributions to the Union Ins. Society obtainable.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Braemar Castle leaves for Hankow on or about this date.

SUNDAY, May 6.—
Goods per Argentine undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, May 7.—
5 p.m.—Meeting of the Hongkong Humane Society at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Performance at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, May 8.—
Noon.—Sale of Ground, at Sow-kei-wan.

TUESDAY, May 15.—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, May 19.—
Noon.—Sale of Stock-in-trade of the firm of Broadbear, Anthony & Co.

FRIDAY, June 1.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.
Noon.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy.
4 p.m.—Chinkiang leaves for Shanghai.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1877.

THE telegrams we published last night enable some idea to be formed as to the course of the campaign in Turkey. It would seem that the Russian army in Europe is advancing towards Dobruka, a district forming the north-east corner of Bulgaria, having the Danube both to the north and west; in fact that river bounds two sides of it, and the sea the third. The Russians crossed the Danube and occupied the same district under Gortschakoff in the Russo-Turkish war of 1853-56, and some of the severest conflicts fought by the Turks took place there. The country is said to be low, sterile and marshy, but destitute of water fit to drink. It seems probable that the Turkish fleet will be able to render the Turks some important services in preventing the crossing of the Danube—unless, indeed, some such catastrophe occurs as took place at Rastchuk on the same river in 1854, when a Turkish flotilla was entirely destroyed by the Russians under Schilders. The telegrams state that the Turkish ironclad squadron is at Galatz, an important fortified town about 100 miles up the Danube. If it is true, therefore, that the Russians are contemplating the crossing of the Danube in the neighbourhood of Dobruka, the ironclads of Ho-hart Pacha will probably play an important part in any efforts made by the Turks to keep their invaders on the other side of the river. In these days of torpedoes and heavy ordnance, however, river fighting in ironclads must be rather ticklish work. The Danube is, we believe, navigable for even heavy-draught vessels far beyond Galatz, so that if the Russians attempt to cross the river at any other point—the Turkish fleet is likely to give them some trouble. The fact that Russian troops have been allowed to occupy without resistance the Wallachian town of Giurgevo, a fortified town situated on the bank of the Danube opposite Rastchuk, (the important fortress and town about two hundred miles further up the river than Galatz, and held by the Turks,) shows that if the Roumanians are not actively assisting the Russians, they are at least not opposing them. The town of Poti, which another Turkish fleet is said to be bombarding, is situated on the shores of the Black Sea but a few miles from Batoum, near which place a recent telegram informed us the Russians had been routed by the Turkish Asiatic army with a loss of 800 men.

ALTHOUGH the suppression of the rebellion in Japan has occupied much more

time than it was generally anticipated it would do, yet the position to which the rebels are at the present time reduced must remove all fear of danger to the Imperial cause. The siege of the castle of Kumamoto has not only been raised, and the place become the headquarters of the Commander-in-chief of the Mikado's forces, but the insurgents have abandoned all their strong positions in the neighbourhood, and are in full retreat to some mountain fastnesses about a hundred miles to the south-west of Kumamoto. The main army of Imperialists has also effected a junction with the forces of Kuroda, who was sent with several thousands of men to outflank the rebels on the south. Saigo seems to have effected his retreat in a very masterly manner, or the reports as to the Imperial forces surrounding the rebels must have been greatly exaggerated. It is to be hoped that this retreat will be the beginning of the end. The rebels may no doubt be still able to offer a prolonged resistance from their almost inaccessible positions, but the continuance of the struggle can scarcely bring any advantage to themselves, while it must tend materially to increase the financial difficulties and comparative poverty of the whole country. Some of the foreign papers in Yokohama strongly urge the Government even now to arrange a compromise. We fail to see the wisdom of any such proceeding—at least in the way intended by the Yokohama papers. These papers have, with one or two exceptions, exhibited an unaccountably hostile tone to the existing Government; the most has been made of rebel successes and the least of Imperial successes, and while Saigo and his followers have been held up as patriots, and the best friends of the country, the Government has been constantly represented as little better than a nest of adventurers, who recognise the claims of neither patriotism nor justice, and have no regard either for the happiness of the people or the welfare of the country. The compromise which we believe one or two of these papers advocate amounts to nothing more or less than the granting of self-government to Satsuma, with all their old rights and privileges. We have before pointed out that Japan will never be free from disturbance so long as there is divided authority in the empire, and the best thing the Government can do both for its own welfare and that of Satsuma is to take every care at the close of this rebellion that that province is placed on exactly the same footing as all the other provinces composing the empire. To do otherwise would be to take a step backwards instead of forwards in civilisation. The Tokio Times has gone into the other extreme, and appears to be a fulsome supporter of the Government. If it were possible for such a state of things to exist, we should be inclined to think that the whole of the foreign papers in Yokohama were the special and paid organs either of the rebels or of the Government. That, however, can hardly be the case. We fail to see anything in the action of the Japanese Government deserving of all this hostility on the part of our Yokohama contemporaries, and we only wish there was a Government half so enlightened and progressive in China as the one in Japan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Gwalior, with the next outward English mails, left Singapore yesterday (Monday) afternoon.

An Inquest was held this afternoon by Mr James Russell, Coroner, on the body of a Chinese woman named Ching Asee, who died from an overdose of opium, self-administered. The Jury, Messrs W. N. Bain, C. V. Smith and J. de Britto, returned a verdict of *felo de se*.

The usual fortnightly entertainment at the Temperance Hall last evening was not so well attended as usual, and ladies were conspicuous by their absence. No doubt the discomfort they experienced on the previous occasion from the smallness of the rooms may have deterred many from attending. The bill of fare was of the usual description, and those present were very well pleased. Amongst the best pieces were a reading (Sam Weller's love letters), a pianoforte solo, a duet (Viola and Piano-forte), and a French song (La Rose de Saint Flour) by an old favorite, who was vociferously encored. This closed the proceedings and the meeting separated shortly after 10 o'clock. We were glad to notice that the Committee have succeeded in purchasing a very sweet-toned pianette by Broadwood of London. They are indebted for this valuable acquisition, we believe, to the kindness of Mr Sangster, who has placed it at the disposal of the Committee at cost price. Mr T. Algar was in the chair.

LEVEE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A levee or public reception was held by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor (Mr John Pope Hennessy) at Government House this afternoon, when a large number of officials (Naval, Military, Cons

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